

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0007] as follows:

--[0007] Despite no known alternate pathway for ~~Ne45Gc~~ Neu5Gc synthesis in humans, antibodies have been used to claim its presence in some human cancers and in human fetal meconium. (Hirabayashi, Y., Kasakura, H., Matsumoto, M., Higashi, H., Kato, S., Kasai, N. and Naiki, M. (1987), Japan J. Cancer Res. 78:251-260; Higashi, H., Hirabayashi, Y., Fukui, Y., Naiki, M., Matsumoto, M., Ueda, S. and Kato, S. (1985), Cancer Res. 45:3796-3802; Miyoshi, I., Higashi, H., Hirabayashi, Y., Kato, S. and Naiki, M. (1986), Mol. Immunol. 23: 631-638; Marquina, G., Waki, H., Fernandez, L. E., Kon, K., Carr, A., Valiente, O., Perez, R. and Ando, S. (1996), Cancer Res. 56: 5165-5171; Devine, P. L., Clark, B. A., Birrell, G. W., Layton, G. T., Ward, B. G., Alewood, P. F. & McKenzie, I. F. C. (1991), Cancer Res. 51:5826-5836; and Kawachi, S., Saida, T., Uhara, H., Uemura, K., Taketomi, T. and Kano, K. (1988), Int. Arch. Allergy Appl. Immunol. 85:381-383.) However, the specificity of the polyclonal antibodies used was not well defined.--